

PARTIAL TRANSCRIPTION - ORIGINAL FOLLOWS

References: A. USCOB Msg COB 446, 16 Oct 61. (LN 11718)
B. USAEUR Msg SX 5495, 9 Sep 61. (LN 9915)
C. Letter, Report of My Trip to Berlin, 25 Sep 61.
D. JCB 1511, 14 Sep 61 (NOTAL). (LN 10183)
E. AMEMB Bonn Msg 141, 16 Oct 61. (Not received by USNMR)

1. (S) In view of the strong position in reference E, I propose to approve General Watson's recommended instructions modified as indicated in paragraphs 2 and 3 below. I would like to point out, however, that this is a radical departure from previous instructions and will probably result in an exchange of fire between US troops and Vopo's which I have been trying to avoid happening. Such an eventuality I feel will lower the dignity of elite US troops by involving them with communist police and may result in intervention in similar manner by communist military forces, thereby inflaming the present situation. It will raise what is now considered a police incident to an international incident with which the State Department will be concerned. I feel that West Berlin police should be responsible under normal circumstances for the sector border. To assist them in carrying out this responsibility we are in the process of issuing them some 6,000 M-1 rifles with ammunition and equipment and have proposed the issue to them of 2,000 carbines. This should be completed by about 6 Nov. I would like to say, too, that I recognize no connection between West Berlin police responsibility for the sector/sector border and the requirement for military

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TO: USCHIEFUR

INFO: USCOB PERMAN

NR: SX 6577

18 Oct 1961

FOR PALMER AND HORSFORD FROM CLAUSE.

Reference: A. USNMR MSG 0016, 16 Oct 61. (IN 10118)

B. USNMR MSG 0016, 16 Oct 61. (IN 9811)

C. Letter, Report of My Trip to Berlin, 25 Sep 61.

D. TEC 1561, 14 Sep 61 (10132). (IN 10132)

E. Will down MSG 151, 16 Oct 61. (Not received by USMR)

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1. (3) In view of the strong position in reference E, I propose to approve General Wettstein's recommended instructions modified as indicated in paragraphs 2 and 3 below. I would like to point out, however, that this is a radical departure from previous instructions and will probably result in an exchange of fire between US troops and Volk's which I have been trying to avoid happening. Such an eventuality I feel will lower the dignity of elite US troops by involving them with communist police and may result in intervention in similar manner by communist military forces, thereby inflaming the present situation. It will raise what is now considered a police incident to an international incident with which the State Department will be concerned. I feel that West Berlin police should be responsible under normal circumstances for the sector border. To assist them in carrying out this responsibility we are in the process of issuing them some 6,000 M-1 rifles with ammunition and equipment and have proposed the issue to them of 2,000 carbines. This should be completed by about 6 Nov. I would like to say, too, that I recognize no connection between West Berlin police responsibility for the sector/sector border and the requirement for military

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surveillance along the East German and Czech zonal border as referred to in reference E.

2. (S) Proposed reply to General Watson follows:

I concur in your proposed instructions, COB 446, except for paragraphs 1b and 1c(3), which should be reworded along the following lines:

Para 1b, last sentence: "The measures indicated below are authorized in the absence of adequate West Berlin police only in a situation in which US troops become involved involuntarily by virtue of their presence at the scene of action."

Para 1c(3): "To protect individuals or groups of individuals in the categories and under the circumstances listed below whose lives are immediately endangered by communist actions:

"(a) Members of the West Berlin police operating in West Berlin, who after having exhausted their own immediate defense capability, are in obvious need of assistance.

"(b) Members and their dependents of the Allied Garrison, Berlin.

"(c) Civilians who, without provocation are directly fired upon from the East Berlin sector or who are attacked in the course of unauthorized communist incursions in West Berlin.

"(d) Refugees and/or other personnel attempting to flee East Berlin and/or East Germany who have entered West Berlin territory and who are under direct fire delivered from East Berlin or East Germany or who are attacked by communists in the course of unauthorized pursuit into West Berlin."

3. (U) "You are authorized to issue your proposed instructions, modified as indicated above. The instructions will be carried out, insofar as practicable, within the intent of my SK 5436, 9 Sep 61. SCP-4.

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